on 26th August, 1996 is awaited. However, certain measures to preclude recurrence of accidents of this nature have been taken.

सुरक्षा व्यवस्था में परिवर्तन

1305. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या रक्षा विशेषज्ञों ने सरकार को सुरक्षा व्यवस्थाओं में आमूल-चूल परिवर्तन करने के सुझाव दिए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इससे जुड़ी आवश्यकताओं का पता लगाने और इसके लिए अपेक्षित धनराशि का आकलन करने का कार्य शुरू कर दिया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन० वी० एन० सोमू): (क) जी, नहीं। सरकार को सुरक्षा व्यवस्था में आमूल-चूल परिवर्तन करने के लिए रक्षा विशेषज्ञों की ओर से कोई सुझाव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) तथा (ग) नीतिगत मामले के रूप में रक्षा आवश्यकताओं को लगातार बनी हुई अद्यतन खतरे की संभावनाओं के आधार पर निर्धारित किया जाता है और इस संबंध में राष्ट्रीय नीति के अनुरूप आवश्यक उपाय किए जाते हैं।

Action plan for participation of private sector in modernisation of Ports

1306. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan for the modernisation of Major Ports in the country with the participation of private sector and foreign agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the major ports in Maharashtra which are likely to be covered in the plan with details thereof; and

(d) the details of the proposals pending with Government to create additional facilities at Visakhaptnam port with private investment?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) It has been assessed that demand for port capacity would be 424 million tonnes by 2002 AD which is much higher than that available at present. In order to meet a major part of requirements of port capacity, the major ports have been thrown open for private sector participation & guidelines issued for the purpose. The Major Ports of Bombay & Jawaharlal Nehru in Maharashtra are also covered by these guidelines.

(d) No such proposal is pending with the Government.

Additional facilities at Visakhapatnam

1307. DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct an additional outer harbour to the existing one to create additional berthing facilities at Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether any proposal is under consideration to extend the Port or to create additional berthing facilities at nearby Gangavaram to cater to the needs of Visakhapatnam Steel Plan and to ease the congestion at Visakhapatnam Port;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE